Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

# Committee Meetings

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on H.R. 3826, the "Electricity Security and Affordability Act".

# Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations, 10:15 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine conference and travel spending across the Federal government, 10:15 a.m., SD—342.

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine management of air traffic controller training tactics, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

#### House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower; and Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "People's Republic of China Maritime Disputes", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continued markup on H.R. 3826, the "Electricity Security and Affordability Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "How Prospective and Current Homeowners Will Be Harmed by the CFPB's Qualified Mortgage Rule", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Scope of Copyright Protection", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Obama Administration's Ques-

tionable Application of Sequestration to the Secure Rural Schools Program and the Costs to States, Local Economies, and Rural School Children", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Sub-committee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "TSA Oversight: Examining the Screening Partnership Program", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on Senate Amendment to H.R. 3547, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Scientific Research at the Smithsonian—More than a Museum", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building the Foundation for Surface Transportation Reauthorization", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Member access to Benghazi investigation transcripts; member access request; and hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 2 p.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 14 through January 17, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday,* at 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 1845, Unemployment Benefits Extension, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 to the bill, and the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at 2:30 p.m. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill is 11 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### **Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations, 10:15 a.m., SVC–217.

January 15, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

January 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and Brad R. Carson, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and William A. LaPlante, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 15, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities, 2 p.m., SD–538.

January 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on public transportation under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 15, to hold hearings to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

January 16, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine locating 911 callers in a wireless world, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 16, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 16, to hold hearings to examine a review of the President's Climate Action Plan, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: January 15, business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD–215.

January 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advancing Congress's trade agenda, focusing on the role of trade negotiating authority, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 15, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Support for United States-Republic of Korea Civil Nuclear Cooperation Act", and the nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implications of the crisis in Ukraine, 2 p.m., SD-419.

January 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD—419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 16, to hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal access programs to meet 21st century needs, focusing on TRIO and the Global Education and Awareness Research Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP), 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 14, business meeting to consider the nominations of John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and William Ward Nooter, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine conference and travel spending across the Federal government, 10:15 a.m., SD–342.

January 14, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine management of air traffic controller training tactics, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 14, to hold hearings to examine the report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

January 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, and Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, Beth Labson Freeman, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Sheryl H. Lipman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Daniel D. Crabtree, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Jon David Levy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, Theodore David Chuang, and George Jarrod Hazel, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: January 15, to hold hearings to examine aging in comfort, focusing on assessing the special needs of America's Holocaust survivors, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: January 15, to hold hearings to examine strategies to counter the drug trade as United States troop drawdown continues, focusing on the future of United States counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan, 3 p.m., SD–138.

### **House Committees**

Committee on Armed Services, January 16, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Future Recruiting Challenges in the Fiscally Constrained Environment", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, January 15, Sub-committee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "#CommActUpdate: Perspectives from Former FCC Chairman", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

January 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "2014: Seeking PPACA Answers", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, January 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Volcker Rule on Job Creators, Part I" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, January 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "South Sudan's Broken Promise?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 15, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "A Report on the G8 Dementia Summit", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

January 15, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "NAFTA at Twenty: Accomplishments, Challenges, and the Way Forward", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 16, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Water as a Geopolitical Threat", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, January 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A False Narrative Endangers the Homeland", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

January 15, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, markup on H.R. 3696, the "National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 15, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act", 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, January 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Strengthening Agency Oversight: Empowering the Inspectors General Community", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

January 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "HHS' Own Security Concerns about HealthCare.gov"; and business meeting to consider the release of deposition transcripts of former EPA official John C. Beale, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, January 16, Full Committee, meeting on approval of amended Major-

ity Subcommittee Roster, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

January 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Healthcare.gov: Consequences of Stolen Identity", 9:10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, January 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Power of Connection: Peerto-Peer Businesses", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

January 16, Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled "SEC's Crowdfunding Proposal: Will it Work for Small Businesses?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, January 15, Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous

Materials, hearing entitled "A Review of the Challenges Facing California High Speed Rail", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, January 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Vendors in the OR—VA's Failed Oversight of Surgical Implants", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, January 16, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled "Social Security Disability Fraud Scheme in New York", 9 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, January 16, Full Committee hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: January 16, to hold hearings to examine income inequality in the United States, 10 a.m., SH-216.